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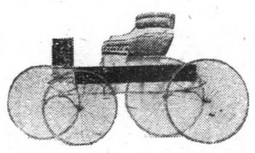

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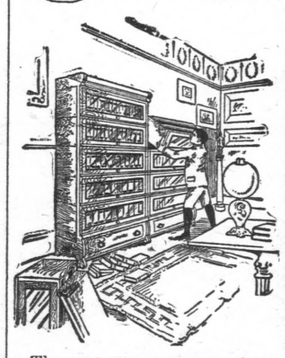

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USEFUL THINGS TO KNOW

The soiling of walls caused by persons leaning their heads against the wall may be almost entirely removed by laying a sheet of blotting paper on the spot and ironing over it with a hot iron.

Cover your kitchen table with zinc; then the hottest pots and pans can be put on it without spoiling it. Soap and water will easily clean it and a rubbing once in a while with kerosene keeps it bright.

If you iron your lace or embroidered muslin on a board or table covered with several thicknesses of flannel and no muslin over them, they will look much nicer than if ironed in the ordinary manner, as the flannel "gives" and the raised work stands out.

To clean plaster figures apply a thick paste, prepared from good boiled starch, freely on the soiled figures with a soft brush, and leave the figures to dry in a draft. Only the dirt adheres to the paste, which comes off in thin layers, and the figures will appear like new. In case however, they are not yet quite white, brush them with zinc varnish suspended in water.

Where there are fine pinlike scratches on new furniture they may be easily remedied by using pulverized rotten-stone, that can be bought ready for use. Put this on a soft flannel rag and rub into the surface of the seat, back or arms of a chair or in the top of a table. It will not only take off the defects, but bring a polish to the wood. To remove the rotten-stone with a damp piece of chamois carefully wipe the wood, and when all trace of this is gone a bright lustre can be brought to the surface of the wood by rubbing it lightly with a soft piece of cheese-cloth moistened with alcohol. The latter must be used sparingly on furniture, for it burns the varnish and will ruin the appearance of the rocker or table if enough is put on to scorch the surface.

One of the best chemical reagents to be used in the laundry and for cleaning purposes generally, is javelle water. It can be very easily made at home if the following directions are carefully followed, and is not in the least expensive. Dissolve one pound of washing soda in an agate kettle or stone jar, in a quart of boiling water. Dissolve one-half pound of chlorid of lime in two quarts of cold water. When the dissolved portion has settled, carefully pour the clear liquid into the dissolved soda. Bottle and keep in a cool, dark place. Stains which bother in the laundry are of three kinds; that is, those caused by vegetable growth, those from actual chemical compounds, and those caused by a deposit of small, solid particles. Mildew is perhaps the stain which puzzles the housekeeper the most. It is the most common type caused by vegetable growth. When this stain is examined under the microscope, one can see a network of tiny tendrils which cannot be seen without the aid of the microscope.

Once in three weeks the hair should be washed. Always after washing the scalp should be rinsed in cold water to contract the pores. A good shampoo is made of a raw egg, beaten in half a gill of lime water. This is well rubbed over the head before washing in clear water. Every other night the scalp may be massaged with a mixture of boracic acid and alcohol, a dram of the former to three ounces of the latter.

Many complexions are ruined with severe massage. If you resort to home treatment use the massage gently.

A mixture of lard and sulphur makes a splendid preparation for pimples on the face or arms. Avoid getting this in the eyes.

Do not use pumice stone to remove superfluous hair. It will cause a heavier growth. Discourage the hair growth with ammonia.

Salt baths are given in the finest sanitariums in the United States. They are recommended as the most beneficial baths that are given.

Buttermilk is good to clear the complexion, but great care must be taken afterward, as it makes the skin tender and tans much easier.

Drinking a quarter of a teaspoonful of salt in a glass of water at each meal for three weeks will make a wonderful improvement in the complexion.

Too frequent washing of the hair will fade it if not ruin its growth. To much alkali makes brown hair the color of ashes and gives a yellow tinge to gray hair.

Every beauty specialist in the country recommends the use of olive oil to correct the liver and stomach and clear the complexion. It should be taken in sweet wine or jelly water to destroy the taste.

Facial blemishes are frequently caused by eating too many cereals, especially when the food is not properly cooked. Oats should be cooked an hour at least in a double boiler, covered so the steam will assist in the cooking.

Have no faith in steaming the face to beautify it. Look at the washwoman's wrinkled hands and see the result of steam, soap and water. Gentle massage is beneficial; but steaming the skin or cooking it is certainly ruinous to any kind of a complexion.

Use lotions with alcohol in them if the face is oily; the oils must be supplied when the skin is dry. Pure mutton tallow melted with gum of benzion is splendid for the complexion; in fact mutton is extensively used in the majority of the finest cold creams; it does not promote hair growth.

The hygienic properties of lemons, which contain citric acid, have been well known for many years, but it is only lately that scientists discovered the acid was powerful enough to kill the germ of typhoid fever in twenty-four hours. Some typhoid fever bacilli, treated with raw lemon juice and placed in the sunshine, were killed in two hours, the sunshine proving a quick agent in connection with the medicinal properties of the fruit. Lemons have been found beneficial in the worst forms of smallpox and cholera, so it is well to know the medicinal properties of a harmless yet powerful fruit acid.

STYLES AT THE SUMMER RESORTS

The hard times seem to have no effect on the vagaries of Fashion, for gowns are more luxurious this summer than they ever were before, and at all the famous watering places of the East, especially Newport and Bar Harbor, the costumes worn add great brilliancy to the season.

In very fashionable society the Directoire styles are literally carrying everything before them. Skirts are very long and clinging and waists are short.

One of the ladies, a spectator at the games at the tennis court at the Casino in Newport, the other day wore a stunning creation of pale pink linen, that must have come straight from Paris.

This gown had a long trailing skirt, trimmed at the knees with a twelve inch band of embroidery done on the material with linen thread and tiny white linen braids. It had a Directoire coat with the customary short waisted effect in the front and rather long tails in the back. The coat was trimmed with embroidery matching the garniture of the skirt. The sleeves were of three quarter length and adorned with broad bands of the embroidery.

Another handsome frock, seen at the same place, was of natural colored pongee made in a tight Empire style and trimmed with broad vertical bands of ecru silk lace, through which one could catch distracting glimpses of a pale blue silk lining. With this dress pale blue silk stockings and matching shoes were worn and on the head a pale blue straw hat with a long blue plume. The parasol also was of tucked blue taffeta.

Silk Jackets and Linen Skirts.

Very smart and pretty are the new costumes in tailor effect, made with a short pleated skirt of serge, pique or linen worn

with a loose or semi-fitting jacket of colored silk either in the new cerise shade, green, copper color or nattier blue. These little jackets are finished with big buttons of the silk or immense plain white flat pearl buttons. They are undeniably smart and are worn a great deal for driving.

Yachting Suits.

The yachting suits this summer are very chic and sportsmanlike in their appearance, and what is better than all serviceable, as every outing costume nowadays must be serviceable in order to be correct. Very handsome ones are made in white serge with the regulation sailor blouse with an embroidered shield piece and a bright red silk tie. Of course suits of blue serge are used also.

Of late years, instead of the customary yachting suit there has gradually grown up a fashion of wearing tailor suits of serge or panama—that is coat and skirt suits for this purpose. With these are worn either a silk or linen shirt waist made in severe tailored style. For yachting white or tan shoes are usually worn, white with the white suits and tan with all other colors.

Modish Bathing Suits

Bathing suits are more becoming this year than ever was the case before. The very newest fad is to have them made in princess style and fitted closely to the figure and of course this necessitates wearing a bathing corset. The smartest bathing suits are made of taffeta but very pretty ones are also seen in mohair of various colors.

It is very fashionable to have the bathing cap, belt and shoes all match. For example these accessories in gray red and green plaid are worn with dark blue and black suits.

Modish Jewelry.

The jewelry worn at Newport this summer indicates that there is at present a great vogue for pearls—very large pearl earrings are seen and also pendant or drop earrings. The flat variety of Baroque pearls are put to many uses and are embodied in necklaces, ornaments for the front of the corsage, scarf pins and swung on tiny chains over the collar in the ever graceful "La Valliers." In fact there is nothing quite so pretty in the way of summer jewelry as these pearls as they look so cool and go well with any costume.

LUCY CARTER.

The accompanying design is issued by the McCall Co., New York, Publishers of McCall's Magazine. Patterns for it may be obtained at any McCall Pattern Agency.

THE JULY AMERICAN BOY

Young American and the glorious Fourth is well depicted on the handsome colored front cover of July *American Boy* and the contents of the magzine will surely satisfy every reader, in variety, interesting, and instructive reading. Continued chapters of the five serials, Bred in the Bone, or Born an Electrician, That Dillingham Boy, and Four Boys on the Mississippi are given, and there is the first installment of Under the Great White Canvas, describing the interesting and unique experiences of Hugh C. Weir with the great Ringling Brothers' Circus. The smaller stories are full of interest and excitement, notably, Kavanagh of Lucknow, Hero of the Indian Mutiny, telling of how the heroism of one man saved the lives of thousands and quelled the great insurrection of India; The Rangers describes incidents in the lives of those gallant and heroic pioneers who did so much to settle our country in the early days. A Duel in the Woods is a a fine story of a boy slaying a mad bull moose. Larry Lajoie, the Man who Breaks Baseballs. will be eagerly read by every lover of our national game. The Story of the Signers, is a timely sketch of some of the members of that congress which "Resolved, that these united colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent." How Tony Leavitt Kept Independence Day in 1777 tells of how the coolness and courage of an American boy saved the colonial troops from disaster. Among the larger articles are: To American Boy Graduates; The Boyhood of Successful Men; The Olympic Champions; The Editor Wants to Say; Some Strange Birds and their Nests; Training the Baby Elephant to Carry Babies, and First Congress of Chinese Kite Flyers Amaze the American boy. The usual departments are filled with matter interesting and instructive. In addition there are over 80 illustrations.

NOISE AND INSANITY

Professor Rubner, of the University of Berlin, has just invented a registering apparatus which enables one to calculate the number of noise waves which strike upon the ear in any given period.

The new apparatus invented by Rubner proves beyond question that the prolonged labor—it is none the less existent, though we are frequently unconsious of it—to which the acoustic nerve is subjected, in large cities or in large establishments, has the effect, ultimately, of paralyzing its efficiency, and, consequently, of creating a breach in the intellectual centre which, as far as the brain is concerned, may be the beginning of cerebral dissolution.

Rubner points the moral of his investigations by showing that insanity is rare among the inhabitants of moderately-sized country towns. It is, he says, greatest in cities and in great solitudes. On the principle of "the identity of countries," according to Hegel, continuous existence in a tomb-like silence would have as bad an effect upon the brain as the pandemoniacal noises of a vast city, and to this cause is attributed the fact that when townsmen lose their way in the wilderness the terrible silence is the first reason of their invariably being found in a state of shattering insanity by their rescuers.

Dr. T. Lessing, of Munich, has also undertaken the study of noises and the effect of them in shortening human life by a process of simple attrition, or wearing-away of nerve tissues.

A NAME IN THE SAND

BY HANNAH F. GOULD

Alone, I walked the ocean-strand;
A pearly shell was in my hand:
I stooped, and wrote upon the sand
My name, the year, the day.
As onward from the spot I passed,
One lingering look behind I cast;
A wave came rolling high and fast,
And washed my lines away.

And so, methought, 'twill shortly be
With every mark on earth from me;
A wave of dark Oblivion's sea
Will sweep across the place
Where I have trod the sandy shore
Of Time, and been to be no more,
Of me, my day, the name I bore,
To leave no track nor trace.

And yet with Him who counts the sands,
And holds the waters in His hands,
I know a lasting record stands,
Inscribed against my name.
Of all this mortal part hath wrought,
Of all this thinking soul has thought,
And from these fleeting moments caught
For glory or for shame.

PHOSPHATES IN THE PACIFIC.

It was thought a few years ago that all the phosphate and guano beds of the Pacific islands after yielding millions of dollars worth of fertilizers were at length exhausted. This view has been changed by new discoveries.

The largest phosphate industry that the Pacific ever saw, says the New York *Sun*, is now in progress on two neighboring islands, the German island of Nauru, the most southern atoll of the Marshall group, and the British island of Banaba. Hundreds of islanders as well as Chinese and Japanese laborers are working in these phosphate diggings, and though the industry is still very young, it is yielding over 2000 tons of prepared phosphates a year. The yield is increasing as fast as improvements are made in mining the rock and in facilities for shipping it.

The beds in the two islands seem to be similar in the quality of the rock, and though their thickness has not yet been ascertained the quantity of phosphates is enormous. Numerous borings have been made all over Nauru, which comprises about 5000 acres. These borings were not meant to ascertain the total phosphate content, but merely to determine if there was enough of the rock to pay for the erection of expensive works.

They were sunk, therefore, only to a depth of 10 to 15 feet. The Germans report that under the superficial earth the entire 5000 acres are covered with phosphate beds to a depth of at least 10 or 15 feet, and they do not known how much deeper the beds may go, for they have not explored lower levels.

They add that it will take some generations to remove the phosphates already revealed. The two companies, German and British, that secured concessions to mine the rock, have joined their interests and are working together. The outside public has nothing to do with their enterprise except to buy the product.

When the German flag was raised over Nauru, 22 years ago, the 1500 natives had no relations with the whites except to sell their cocoanuts for brandy and wretched firearms supplied by two or three unscrupulous traders. The Germans stopped this trade, but it was long before the real wealth of the little island was discovered.

Now a great transformation has come. Large steel framed buildings in which the rock is prepared for commerce have been erected, an iron pier has been extended out into the sea beyond the breakers, and lines of steel tracks lead down from the mines to the pier. But the rock is as yet taken out to the anchored steamships in small boats and the Germans have little hope of discarding this primitive method. They say the surf runs too high for ships to tie up at a landing wharf.

SCIENCE NOTES

A very curious "blowing well" is to be found on the property of J. B. Murphy, near Raymondsville, Mo. This well, which is on a hill, was drilled in 1899 to a depth of 187 feet. Soft water was struck at the bottom and rose 7 feet in the well. In a dry time, particularly in the winter, the well becomes dry. In drilling it a cave 3 feet high was struck at a depth of 100 feet. When the well is dry, if there is a long prevailing wind from the north, a current of air rushes from the pipe strong enough to blow the cap from the tubing.

The oil from the fields of California is a thick, heavy, viscous fluid, with an asphalt base, the output from the Kern River fields being particularly heavy. The oil from these fields is so dense, in fact, that until recently it has been transported almost entirely in tank cars. Various attempts to handle it in long pipe lines of the ordinary type have been made, however, but these lines have not been practically successful for various reasons. A suggestion to make use of a rifled pipe, like that of a gun barrel, was made and a 31-mile section built experimentally. The success attending this test resulted in an extension of the rifled line. The method of pumping in the rifled-pipe line is, briefly, to inject about 10 per cent. of water with the oil and to give the oil and water a centrifugal motion by means of the rifled pipe, sufficient to throw the water to the outside, where it forms a thin film of lubrication between the oil and the sides of the pipe that greatly reduces the friction. In fact, the rifled pipe operated in this manner delivers at ordinary temperature 8 to 10 times as much oil, net, through a long line as it does a line of ordinary pipe under similar conditions. The rifled pipe line is also operated entirely without heating the oil.

The new university established by the Legislature of Alberta, Canada, will open its first term next September. The site for its buildings is a fine one of 250 acres at Strathcona, on the Saskatchewan River opposite Edmonton, the provincial capital.

The meteor trains studied by Professor Trowbridge, of Columbia University, are the luminous streaks often seen in the wake of shooting stars, and they may continue many minutes, or even an hour or more. They drift slowly and become distorted, as if by air currents. They seem to be self-luminous and may sometimes be seen in daytime. They somewhat resemble the afterglow on turning off the current from vacuum tube electrodes. The glow is greenish yellow, diffuses 100 yards a minute and is most striking at a pressure calculated to be that of the atmosphere at a height of fifty-five miles.

NATURAL INDELIBLE INK

An Indian tree, known to botanists as Semecarpus anacardium, which grows also in North Australia and in the West Indies, bears a nut the juice of which has long been used as a natural marking ink. Dried for commerce, the nut is heart-shaped and nearly black. It contains a black viscid juice. This is mixed with quicklime when used for marking linen or cotton. It is also employed to form a black varnish. A marking-ink can also be formed by treating the nut with a mixture of alcohol and sulphuric ether. The cashew-nut of the West Indies and tropical South America possesses similar properties.

FARM NEWS AND VIEWS

The black raspberry has its peculiarities and among them is that of the annual travel to new soil by means of the tips. Stocks from the hill are comparatively worthless for new plantations; and growers of valuable varieties must obtain their plants from the tips of the present year's growth. The first part of July, if it has not been attended to sooner, when the growing canes have reached the height of four feet, nip out the point with thumb and finger, and soon branches will come out along the cane, increasing the number to take root, and adding to the productiveness of the plant the next season. Leave the bearing cane in its place until fall. Later, when it is time for the tips to attach themselves to the soil, the rooting can be facilitated by a slight covering of dirt. In preparing for the crop in spring head in the branches to two or three feet, according to their strength.

For winter lambs breed the ewes in July.

Keep the ewes on grass till November and then confine them in clean sheds and feed oats, bran and oil meal.

According to chemical analysis, old process linseed oil meal contains an average of about 5 per cent. of nitrogen, 2 per cent. of phosphoric acid and 1½ per cent. of potash.

Too heavy salting destroys the flavor of good butter.

There is an advantage in rapid milking, providing it is done without hurting the cow, and she is milked clean.

To protect animals from the annoyance of flies the following preparation is recommended: Two-thirds linseed oil, one-third crude carbolic acid. Apply with a swab to the tips of of the hair, especially about the horns, and the animal will not be bothered with flies of any kind for a week. This preparation, it is asserted, is excellent for horses, answering the same purpose. The linseed oil prevents the hair from coming out, and also retains the carbolic acid.

Another remedy is to take two or three small handfuls of walnut leaves or pennyroyal, on which pour two or three quarts of cold water. Let it infuse over night, pour the whole next morning into a kettle and boil for 15 minutes. When cold it is fit for use. Moisten a sponge with it, and before the horse goes out of the stable let those parts which are most irritable be smeared over with the liquid.

When necessary to draw a nail or screw that is hard to start, very often a sharp tap with a hammer will loosen it. Should this fail, put on kerosene oil and let it soak a while. It is a good plan to put a little linseed oil on screws and nails before using, for they will enter the wood more easily.

If tools are painted with a coat of crude petroleum before being put away it will prevent the metal from rusting and preserve the wood.

The tomato harvest is one of the first events on the farm that is a reward for labor spent. If the tomato is grown as a truck crop it should be gathered two or three times a week. But when intended for canning purposes the harvesting need not be quite so close. When the fruits are to be shipped some distance it is necessary to gather as soon as partially colored instead of allowing them to become ripe on the vine.

Up until the time of ripening the tomato is of a velvet green color, and at this stage they are harvested if it is intended to ship a long distance. For home markets it is different the fruits being allowed to ripen upon the plant.

None except sound tomatoes of a similar stage of maturity should be harvested and packed in one crate. Care should be taken that all leaky fruits and those that are deformed are rejected. It is profitable in packing tomatoes for the market to have them symmetrical in form and uniform in size, and of a like degree of. ripeness for filling any one receptable

In shipping long distances the fruits should not only be picked in an immature state, but the individual fruits should be wrapped in thin, pliable brown or white paper, similar in grade to what is known as tea paper. Packed in that way they may be shipped several hundred miles, reaching destination in a good condition.

In packing for long distances it is the common practice to use the six-basket carrier, same as is used in shipping peaches. Place the wrapped fruits carefully in the carrier baskets, and then pack the baskets in a crate the same as peaches. A flat box 18 to 20 inches square and about five inches in depth, which will carry two layers of wrapped fruit, is extensively used, but the six-basket peach carrier seems to be the most popular.

DO MORE

The man who makes the best progress is the man who does more than he is told. Some men think they have done their full duty when they perform certain routine work. They consider that they are being paid fifteen dollars a week for fifteen dollars' worth of work—and they measure out the correct amount with as much care as the grocer measures out rice, putting in and taking out a few grains until the scales balances.

But the progressive man goes about his work with the spirit of the athlete. The satisfaction of accomplishing a feat, and the knowledge that with each trial more skill is developed, form one of the best incentives to good work. The athlete does not confine his practice to a certain number of runs and jumps, but keeps at it until he has achieved some greater degree of skill than he ever had before. He delights in attempting harder and harder feats because it means more and more skill.

Thus does the truly progressive man love his work. He does not consider that he is working merely for his salary, nor for the house, but for himself—for the development of his individual capacity and skill. He delves into things not required of him, because he wants to gain power to do more—because that is the normal impetus of a progressive mind.

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HOW'S THIS FOR A CANDIDATE?

Twenty-three men met in New York on Sunday and nominated a candidate for President and Vice-President to be voted for by the members of the Socialist-Labor party. The candidate for President is rather handicapped it is true, yet he was nominated.

He is thirty-two years of age, and the Constitution provides that a President must be at least thirty-five years of age; he is now serving a term of twenty-five years in prison for having killed a man in Nevada, and thus cannot take part in the campaign. Yet he was put up by twenty-three enthusiasts, who are quoted as declaring that a little thing like the Constitution would not stand in the way if their candidate should be elected as President.

When it is remembered that at the election of 1904 the Socialist-Labor candidate for President received a total of only 31,249 votes there are no fears to be felt that trouble will come when an attempt is made to seat as President a man under the Constitutional age and now in prison where he is expected to remain for some time yet. Yet it must be admitted that "if" this convict-candidate were elected he would be seated "regardless of his age," as his friends declare.

THE NEW NATIONAL CHAIRMAN

The selection of Frank H. Hitchcock for the chairmanship of the Republican National Committee is one that has been very generally expected, and it is one that will be satisfactory to Republicans throughout the country.

Mr. Hitchcock fully meets all the requirements. His successful management of the canvass for Secretary Taft's nomination demonstrated striking ability for that kind of work, which differs but little from the kind of work that must be carried on from now until November. Few persons have so thorough or so accurate knowledge of present political conditions in the several States as the new chairman, and his understanding of details as well as of the masterly application of them equip him admirably for the responsible position to which he has been chosen.

The choice has been made in the best interests of the party and of the candidates. Mr. Hitchcock had not made any claim for the place. Understanding there might be complications or embarassments when his work for the nomination of Mr. Taft was completed, he frankly rejected the idea that anything was due him or that he expected the chairmanship. The fact that Mr. Taft has made the choice under such circumstances is not only a complete expression of his own confidence in Mr. Hitchcock's ability to fill the position but carries with it the confidence of the party as well.

WESLEY CHURCH NOW INDEPENDENT

Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, the second largest congregation on the Peninsula—being surpassed in proportions only by Grace Church, Wilmington—Wednesday night formally withdrew from the Wilmington Conference.

The first quarterly conference was convened at 8 P. M., on Thursday with District Superintendent S. M. Morgan, who lives in Dover, presiding.

The quarterly conference was treated to a surprise when Dr. Morgan announced that the charges would be withdrawn and not tried before the convening of annual conference next March.

This, it is said, acts as a supercedent to the withdrawal action, although the withdrawal resolutions have not been rescinded.

It was the charges against Dr. Lightbourne, about to be heard by Superintendent Morgan with a board of district triers selected by himself, which action he admitted to a congregational committee he would take, that brought about the church's withdrawal.

The resolutions were adopted by a vote of eighteen to two. The only two men in the official board standing out against the with drawal were State Auditor Thomas C. Roe, a steward, and William S. Haman, a trustee. Mr. Haman, it is stated, declared that he would make no further active opposition.

The congregational meeting, a fort night ago, had taken the stand that Dr. Lightbourne could not be placed twice in jeopardy over the same controversy. He, also, made that vigorous plea, but it was without avail to the presiding elder or Rev. Robert Watt, of Smyrna, who announced to Committeemen Carroll and Hutton that he would press the charges, newly formed, against Dr. Lightbourne.

WARWICK

Christian Endeavor to-morrow evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Amos Wilson was a Wilmington visitor last week.

Mr. T. H. DeVine is entertaining relatives from Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Price, of the Quaker City, is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Agnes Crowley, of Middletown, visited Miss A. Estella Marsh on Monday.

Mrs. L. B. Manlove who has been ill for the past fortnight, is now convalescing.

Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Cullom are entertaining Mrs. Wilson and mother of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ratledge are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. McGaw, of Reading, Pa.

Mrs. Vrie P. Ginn, of Odessa, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Verena L. Vinyard, this week.

Crabbing parties are now in order and many of our town people are enjoying the sport at Fox Hole.

The boys of the Base Ball Club held a lawn fete on Friday evening, proceeds to be used in purchasing new uniforms.

Mrs. John L. Lattomus accompanied by Miss Lillian Hunter, of Baltimore, and Miss Clara Duryea were Smyrna visitors on Wednesday.

While working around his machine on Monday Garrett Lockerman got his arm caught in a pully, breaking it in two places. Dr. J. J. Wright and son set the broken member.

While loading wheat on Monday last a sheaf struck Mr. B. S. Hall in the face and one of the straws penetrated the eye ball, causing him considerable pain Fortunatley it did not affect the sight.

IN NEED OF WORK.

BRIDGEVILLE, July 9th.—Although Delaware farmers and fruit growers are crying for more help to pick their crops and harvest the truck, they are having difficulty in getting a response to their appeals, and will probably be seriously handicapped if something is not done.

Peach trees are loaded with fruit, all farm products give signs of being the best in years, yet if help is not forthcoming the farmer will stand to lose over one-half of the yield. Foreigners have turned a deaf ear to the fruit packers, the result of a swindle that was recently perpetrated on them when two men claiming to be South Jersey farmers collected their car fare in advance from them, promising the inducement of good wages and steady work.

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Dr. J. C. Stites has removed his dental office to the building recently vacated by the Western Union Telegraph Co., next door to J. L. Shepherd's office.

Farmers in this section have had most favorable weather for threshing their wheat. The grain is the best quality for years and its excellent condition may make up for the small yield.

E. H. Beck, Real Estate Broker, has sold the Peacock farm near Galena, Md., belonging to William H. Cacy, contain-200 acres, to John Mahan of Casper, Wyoming, Consideration $9,000.

Everyone knows that *all kinds of yellow pine* lumber are sold *Everywhere* very much lower *this year* than for *many years past.* This is *not a local condition.* No one will supply as good lumber for less cash than G. E. HUKILL.

NOTICE.—I wish to inform all owners of dogs in and around Middletown, that they must keep their dogs out of my woods, as I will positively shoot any and all dogs found there on and after this date. This is the final notice.
C. P. COCHRAN.

Does your subscription fall due in July? Watch the label on THE TRANSCRIPT coming to you and send your remittance. Remember the postal law only allows us to give you one year credit. We will appreciate your attending to this matter promptly.

The property of the late Dr. Thomas H. Gilpin, located at the corner of Main and Scott streets, was offered at public sale Wednesday afternoon but was withdrawn. The highest bid offered was $5,200, and the property will in all probability be sold at private sale.

With the trip of the pay car this week the employs of the Delaware Railroad received their last pay in check form. In the future they will be paid in cash from a steel car containing a regular bank. By the new system the three days that it required to make out the checks will be eaved.

The following officers of Damon Lodge No. 12, K. of P., have been elected, and will be installed on Wednesday evening next: C. C., William E. Dixon; V. C,, John J. Jolls; Prelate, Fred Bloom; I. G., John Heldmyer; O. G., T. V. Leonhart; K. of R. and S., Joseph C. Jolls; Trustee, Walter S. Letherbery; Representative to Grand Lodge, Roe Redgrave.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending July 2d: Miss Mary Black, Miss Carrie Brown, Mrs. Katie Brown, Miss Lizzie Carter, Mrs. Emma Emenges, Virginia Harris, (lead letter), Miss Mary Lena Willson, Mr. Henry Blackston, Mr. George Campell, Mr. John Lyod.

D. Ross & Son, 206-10 Market street Wilmington, are the exclusive agents for McCall patterns and publications, and carry in stock over 10,000 dress patterns of the latest Paris, London and New York styles from which the ladies can supply their wants immediately at popular prices, 10 and 15 cents. Mail orders given prompt attention.

Mr. G. L. Cochran will in a few days open up a lumber yard on the lot in the rear of his place of business on West Main street, where he proposes to handle a full line of all grades of lumber. He is now filling all orders received direct from Dover. Mr. Cochran will also have a lumber yard at Georgetown, Md., where he will carry a large quantity of lumber and building material.

The members of the Board of Education met on Monday evening and elected the following teachers for the ensuing year: Principal, Miss Ida V. Howell; First Assistant, Miss Mary H. Maxwell; Second, Miss May McFaul; Third, Mrs. Ida McCrone; Fourth, Miss Elsie R. Jones; Fifth, Miss Elizabeth R. Hall. At the same time, and without any request or knowlege on the part of the instructors, the board decided to increase the salaries of the four latter named teachers from $400 to $450 for the term.

The Rev. C. C. Baker, of Fredericktown, Md., will preach in the Forest Presbyterian Church on to-morrow, Sunday, evening. Service begins at 7.30 o'clock. All cordially invited.

At a meeting of the Sunday School Board of Bethesda M. E. Church Thursday evening Mrs. W. R. Parker was elected Superintendent and Mrs. W. E. Eliason and Miss Lily M. Scott were elected her assistants, and Miss Anna Denny organist of the primary department. At the same time it was decided to give the school a pic-nic at Lorewood Grove, but the date has not been decided on at this writing.

The Town Commissioners at a meeting on Thursday evening of last week sold $11,000 in bonds to Mr. G. M. D. Hart, who offered a premium of $171.60. The old bonds were issued 20 years ago, maturing last December, and the new bonds were sold to refund the old ones. There were four bidders among them being the Citizen's National Bank its bid being par. and Mr. Nields offered a premium of $10, while A. H. H. Messenger bid par for two bonds only.

DROWNED AT "SILVER LAKE"

Harvey Smith Taylor Met an Untimely Death While Bathing

The sad news of the drowning of Harvey Smith Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Taylor, Monday afternoon, was a great shock to the people of Middletown. In company with three other small companions, Harvey who was 12 years of age, had gone to the lake for a swim, and unfortunately fell from the platform into deep water and sank. He was noticed by his companions and one of them, Robert Woolford, went to his assistance and secured a hold on the drowning boy but was caught in turn by the victum by the throat and was forced to break away to save himself from being pulled down. In his struggles to save Taylor, Woolford became almost exhausted and was affected sometime afterwards. He made two attempts and the second time was forced to break away and allow his companion to go down. The news of the drowning spread rapidly and in a short time crowds were hurrying to the lake on foot and by teams. The work of trying to recover the body was commenced immediately by some of our good swimmers and divers, but not until the body was located from a boat by means of a long pole and then dropping a stone attached to a rope was it brought to the surface by a young man, a visitor from Jersey City, grabbing it by the foot. He was assisted by several others to the surface, the body was drawn into the boat and efforts made to bring life, but the body had been in the water too long. They were assisted in their efforts by Dr. Jesse E. Ambler, who worked hard, but without avail. The remains were brought to his parents' home and the mother was almost prostrated by the sad news. The father, telegraph lineman on the railroad, heard the news at Wyoming and arrived home on the 4.31 train. It was a sad home-coming and will no doubt be a warning to the many lads who have been spending much of their vacation days at the lake in its waters.

The floral designs were numerous, among them being a spray of carnations given by his Sunday School class, and a spray of sweet peas given by two of his small companions.

The funeral services were held Wednesday evening at the home of his parents and the remains were taken to Havrede-Grace, Md., Thursday morning, where interment was made in Angel Hill Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS

To the friends who came and so willingly assisted us in our time of bereavement, we return most heartfelt thanks, and although such friendship cannot remove the sad memories that linger around our vacant chair, it brings into view the brightest side of humanity, and throws the pure light of an unselfish friendship into a darkened home. May the day be far distant when those friends who gathered around us will need similar attention. Again we wish to extend our thanks to our friends, the good ministers, and the choir of Forest Presbyterian Church, for the tender sympathy they brought to our home.

MR. AND MRS. ISAAC TAYLOR.

BASE BALL

Middletown Defeated Tremont by the Score of 11 to 6

About the only thing in the way of amusement in Middletown on the Fourth was the ball game in the afternoon between the local club and the Tremont team of Wilmington.

The game was started at two o'clock, and while several costly errors were made by both teams, the large crowd of spectators enjoyed the contest. Richards for the home team fanned 10 of the visiting batsmen, and had he been given good support, the run column of the Wilmington team would have been much smaller.

The line up and score by innings follows:

TREMONT	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
King, 3b.	2	1	2	0	1
Cutter, lf.	2	1	0	0	2
Tomlinson, 1b.	0	0	10	0	1
Sillitoe, cf.	0	1	2	0	1
Oberly, c.	1	0	10	0	2
Greenwood, 2b.	0	1	0	3	2
Patterson, ss.	0	0	0	2	2
Henderer, rf.	0	0	0	0	1
McCall, p.	1	1	0	2	1
Totals	6	5	24	7	13
MIDDLETOWN	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Byron, 3b.	2	1	2	5	1
I. Gibbs, c.	3	2	10	0	0
Donohue, cf.	2	0	2	0	0
Adkins, 2b.	1	3	4	2	1
Pennington, 1b.	0	0	6	1	1
Ford, ss.	0	0	0	0	0
Lewis, rf.	0	1	0	0	1
Jolls, lf.	1	1	0	0	2
Richards, P.	1	0	1	1	0
B. Gibbs, rf.	1	0	2	0	0
Totals	11	8	27	9	6

Tremont..... 1 0 2 1 0 0 0 2 0–6
Middletown..... 1 0 4 1 0 4 0 1 x–11

The local team will have Smyrna as its opponent this afternoon, when the game will be started at three o'clock.

Country Fair a Success

The ladies of the Twentieth Century Club, of Smyrna, are in high glee over the financial success of the Fair. The power of ten cents was fully demonstrated. The receipts from all sources amounted to about $900, from which the ladies will clear about $600. The gate receipts alone amounted to over $150.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Bertha Jones is the guest of relatives in Clayton.

Dr. W. V. Messick, of Smyrna, was in town on Tuesday.

Miss Lola Ingram has been visiting friends in Clayton.

Miss Kate Darlington is visiting relatives at State Road.

Mr. Alfred Connellee is spending two weeks at Rehoboth.

Miss Edna Banning has returned from a visit in Greenwood.

Mrs. J. B. Messick has returned from a sojourn at Rehoboth.

Misses Leah and Miriam Berkman are visiting in Philadelphia.

Mr. W. C. Eliason visited relatives in Wilmington on Sunday.

Miss Ada Scott has returned from a sojourn at Atlantic City, N. J.

Master Irving Brockson is visiting relatives in Blackbird and Clayton.

Mr. Harry E. Manlove has returned from a visit in Centreville, Md.

Miss Mary O'Day, of Seaford, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. David Allen.

Miss Carrie Downey, of New Castle, visited Miss Mary Maxwell this week.

Mr. Gilbert Strauss, of Jersey City, N. J., is the guest of Mr. Harry Vinyard.

Mr. James A. LeaFevre, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth with relatives here.

Miss Gertrude McCrone has accepted a position in the public schools of New Castle.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, of Chester, Pa., have been visiting Miss Bessie Anderson.

Mrs. L. G. Sterner, of Camden, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

Little Miss Lucy Griffith, of Sassafras, Md., is the guest of little Miss Mildred Vaughan.

Mrs. J. H. Mendinhall, of Wilmington, spent Friday with her father, Mr. Charles P. Cochran.

Mr. Walter Green, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hill, of Philadelphia, spent the Fourth with Mrs. Mary Droll and family.

Miss Catherine Edwards has returned from a two week's visit to her home in Asbury Park, N. J.

Mise Katherine Pennington returned this week from Rehoboth, where she spent several weeks.

Mrs. G. V. Peverley and daughters, Misses Justine and Charlotte, are on an extended visit in Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cochran and children, of East Orange, N. J., have been visiting relatives here.

Miss Salie Crossland, of Wilmington, was the guest of her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Crossland on Sunday.

Mr. Grant Rowbotham, of Delaware Water Gap, Pa., was the guest of Mr. Samuel Price and family on Sunday.

Mr. Sydney Peverley, of Mechanicsville, Md., spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Peverley.

Miss Eva Whitlock, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Whitlock.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Norris and grandson, Master Norris Matthews, of Baltimore, Md., are visiting her brother, Mr. J. C. Alston.

Misses Nellie Murphy and Margaret Fisher, of Wilmington, were guests of Mrs. M. J. Darlington on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Daniel Bacon and son Leon, of Wilmington, are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Crouch, and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Harrington and little son, of Baltimore, Md., have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Cochran.

Mrs. T. J. Bowes and two daughters, Misses Susie and Alice, of Philadelphia, are the guests of her brother, Mr. J. C. Alston, near town.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Allen and two children, of Philadelphia, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Metts, of Burlington, Vt., spent the Fourth in town.

Misses Ethel T. Rowe, of Washington, D. C., and Helen G. Rowe, of Barclay, Md., are spending two weeks in town, the guests of their numerous friends.

Mr. N. Adkins celebrated his sixty-ninth birthday anniversary last Friday by giving a dining to his children and grandchildren. There were twenty-one present, beside Mr. and Mrs. Adkins; R. E. Adkins and family, of Washington, D. C.; E. R. and J. W. Adkins, of St. Elmo, Va.; L. W. Jefferson and family, of Philadelphia; E. Z. Adkins and wife, of Farmington; Miss Mary and Mr. James Adkins, of this town.

CECILTON

Miss Mollie Richards has been visiting relatives in Newark.

Miss Graham, of Philadelphia, is visiting Miss Hylie Boulden.

Mr. P. Smith and wife spent Sunday with relatives near Massey.

Miss Elizabeth Stephens, of Elkton, is visiting Miss Mabel Coppage.

Mrs. John Manlove spent Sunday with her father, Mr. Joseph Manlove.

Quite a number from here attended the dance at Spa Spring last Friday evening.

Miss Janie Smith is visiting her sister, Mrs. Joseph Atwell, near Chestertown.

A festival will be held in the Parish building on Wednesday evening, July 15.

Mrs. Jackson and children, of Greensboro, are visiting Mr. E. S. Short and wife.

Owens Griffith, of Philadelphia, is visiting his parents, Mr. Charles Griffith and wife.

Miss Julia P. Dushane, of Earleville, spent the Fourth with Mrs. J. P. McCoy, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Anderson, of Philadelphia, visited Miss Anna O'Niel on Sunday.

Mr. Gamble, wife and daughter, of Wilmington, spent several days last week with relatives here.

Mr. James Lusby, wife and children spent several days last week with relatives in Newark, Del.

Messrs. Thomas and Wallace Bell, of Philadelphia, are being entertained by their cousin, George Pierce, Jr.

Mr. George Oldham, of Philadelphia, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. G. Oldham and wife, near town.

CHESAPEAKE CITY

Albert Boulden, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth in town.

Mrs. A. E. Beauchamp is spending several days in Baltimore.

Miss Ada Jefferson, of Camden, was a visitor in town over Sunday.

Miss Agnes Comas, of Baltimore, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Tatman.

Miss Elizabeth Clayton, of Cheltenham, Pa., is the guest of Miss Kay Price.

William Lowrey, of Baltimore, visited his sister. Mrs. Z. T. Cooling, Jr., on Saturday.

Miss Susie Spriggs, of Fairmount, Md., is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Laws.

A lawn party was given at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Z. T. Cooling on Monday evening.

Miss Fanny Foard, of Elkton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Mary Ford.

Frank B. Williams, of Trenton, was the guest of Mrs. Thomas Murray several days last week.

Miss Alverta Ferguson, of Cecilton, is spending sometime with her aunt, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle.

Miss Nan Simmons and Stanley Steele, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Steele.

Walter Steigleman, of Baltimore, and Purnell Blandy, of Newark, spent Saturday and Sunday with John Hopper.

Misses Margaret Griffith and Alice Woodall, of Georgetown, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hopper on Friday.

Misses Lola Jones, of Newark, and Nellie Muncer, of Philadelphia, have been the guests of Misses Bessie and Mary Barwick.

Misses Elsie Oliver, of Baltimore, and Anna Bowland, of Elkton, were entertained by Miss Elizabeth Cooling part of this week.

The dance held at Spa Spring pavilion on Friday evening was a most delightful affair. The next one will be Friday evening, July 17.

Messrs. Bennett Johnson, Ernest Wright, Rees Griffin, Ernest Homewood and Harry Salmons, of Newark, spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

Misses Julia Beaston and Mary Pennock, Messrs. Clifford Dale and Ray Porter, of Philadelphia, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Beaston on Saturday.

The home team won both games of base ball from the New Castle Club on Saturday. The Chesapeake City Band was in attendance during the afternoon and the game was a very exciting one, the score being 4 to 2.

Will the person who by mistake took a black coat with a white pin stripe and gray lining from Spa Spring pavilion Friday evening, kindly leave the same at Byron Bouchelle's store, where they will find the one left in its place, which is very similar to the one that was taken.

Misses Bessie and Mary Barwick entertained a number of their friends at a porch party and dance on Saturday evening, in honor of their guests, Misses Jones and Muncer. The porch was beautifully illuminated with Japanese lanterns, and flags were everywhere in evidence, being used as souvenirs of the evening. The guests included Misses Ethel and Georgia Ellison, Marie Ryers, Esther and Gladys Banks, Ollie Dean, Augusta Egee, Ida Bouchelle, Margaret Johnson, Louise Boulden, Katharyn McDonald, Nannie Wright, Lola Jones, Nellie Muncer, Bessie and Mary Barwick; Messrs. Rees Griffin, Ernest Wright, Bennett Johnson, Ernest Homewood, Purnell Blandy, Harry Salmons, of Newark; Delancey Scott, Delbert Hague, Sterling and Evans Dunbar, of Elkton; John Hopper, Thomas Savin, Clayton Ellison and Charles Ellison, Jr.

TOWNSEND

Mrs. Mollie Jacobs and children, of Millington, were over Sunday visitors with her father, Thomas Maloney.

Miss Elizabeth Dorman, of Baltimore, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Ella Maloney.

Mr. Jefferson Hart and Miss Elizabeth Talley, of Wilmington, visited Edward Hart and family on the Fourth.

Miss Ethel Lee was a Saturday and Sunday visitor with Miss Elsie Carey, near Smyrna.

Mr. Jacob Shallcross, of near Sassafras, was a visitor with friends here on Monday.

The many friends of Mrs. W. N. Watts were much pleased to see her out on her porch, on Tuesday afternoon, for the first time after an illness of many weeks.

Miss Emma Carpenter, of near Odessa, has been the guest of Miss Mary Money for the past week.

Miss Norma Hart spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. James Wilson, in Smyrna.

Mrs. Jennie Staats is spending sometime with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Hart, in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Warner Greenwood is entertaining her sister, Mrs. Annie Bennett, this week.

John Carpenter and Joseph Hutchinson spent Sunday with Walter Lee, near Clayton.

Mrs. Harvey Daniels and daughter, of Wilmington, are spending this week with her parents here.

DO YOU WANT A BOY!

The Sunshine Society, with rooms at 700 Equitable Bldg., Wilmington, Delaware, has two boys that are strong, willing and able to work in the country on a farm. If a farmer in need of such a boy will write to Mrs. Pennewill, the State President, and enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope, she will gladly answer giving full particulars about these boys. They are not country week boys, they are boys in need of work for wages and will be glad of the employment. This is one of the great fields of work of this society, the trying to place in good homes people in need of employment. This year especially, so many men are out of work, and the farmer is in such need of help that without doubt this should prove a vertible ray of Sunshine if the two needs can be brought together. It is to be hoped that these boys can be placed immediately.

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BRYAN NOMINATED ON FIRST BALLOT

Nebraskan Put His Opponents to Rout and Wins Easily with Much to Spare

Denver, July 10, 5.30 A. M., Philadelphia Time).—William Jennings Bryan was nominated for the presidency shortly after 3 o'clock this morning by the Democratic National Convention on the first ballot. The vote resulted as follows:—

Bryan	892 1-2
Gray	59 1-2
Johnson	46
Not voting	8

The result came after a session lasting from 7 P. M. to 4 o'clock this morning. At the conclusion of the ballot, on motion of Winfield S. Hammond, of Minnesota, who had placed in nomination Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, and seconded by Delaware, who had had nominated Gray, the nomination of Mr. Bryan was made unanimous and the convention adjourned until 1 o'clock this afternoon, when a candidate for Vice-Preisdent will be nominated.

The vote of Pennsylvania carried Bryan's total past the number necessary to nominate and the States farther down the roll call swelled his vote to nearly 900.

There were two sessions of the convention, one lasting from 11 A. M. to early afternoon, when an adjournment was taken until 7 P. M.

The delay of the Platform Committee caused a prolonged session at night. The platform was not reported until midnight. Meanwhile nominating speeches were made. After the adoption of the platform at 1 A. M., nominating speeches were resumed and continued for more than two hours before a ballot was reached.

ODESSA

Miss Anna May Berry is visiting her sister in Kennedyville, Md.

Isaac Huhn, of Galena, Md., visited his father, George Huhn, one day last week.

Mrs. Casper Eaton is spending a few days as the guest of Rev. D. J. Givan and wife.

Miss Mary McClellan, of Chester, visited her mother, Mrs. Emma McClellan, on Sunday.

Misses Mildred and Pearl Harris are spending sometime with relatives in Smyrna.

Mrs. Robert Mobray, of Baltimore, is spending several weeks with her mother, Mrs. D. Gilch.

Miss Ethel Webb is spending a few days this week at the home of her uncle, near St. Georges.

Miss Geneva Ward returned home from Chester on Saturday, where she has spent several months.

I. Moody Stevens, of Chester, spent Saturday and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. A. Stevens.

George Gibson, of Wilmington, visited his parents, Joseph L. Gibson and wife, on Saturday last.

John Scholler, of Philadelphia, is spending sometime at the home of J. Mulhberger and family.

William Townsend, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with his parents, G. L. Townsend and wife.

Mrs. I. G. Webb spent several days of this week with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Ginn, in Townsend.

Joseph Williams, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. Lee Sparks, near town.

Miss Georgia C. Enos, of Wilmington, visited her parents, Joseph H. Enos and wife, part of last week.

Harry Lightcap, wife and son Delaware were guests of friends in Smyrna on Saturday and Sunday.

Joseph Coll and wife, of Philadelphia, spent several days last week at the home of Mrs. S. Gremminger.

Miss Elizabeth Wood, of Horsham, Pa., is being entertained at the home of Mrs. J. K. Williams, near town.

Mrs. Mary Sparks, of Wilmington, is being entertained this week at the home of Mr. E. N. Moore, near town.

Miss Emma Robb, of Chester, is spending this week at the home of her grandparents, John F. Morris and wife.

Miss Henrietta Neal has returned to her home in Baltimore, Md., after a visit with her sister, Mrs. R. L. Hallett.

Daniel Gabke, wife and daughter, of Wilmington, are visiting at the home of William Johnson and wife this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shaw and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with J. H. Massey and family.

Edward Rhein, wife and little son Henry have returned to their home in Philadelphia, after spending a week with his parents, W. P. Rhein and wife.

The League of Service will hold a Birthday Festival on the lawn of Drawyers Church Tuesday evening, July 14th. Refreshments will be served and the public is most cordially invited to be present. If stormy the festival will be held in the Town Hall.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered next Sabbath morning in Drawyers Church. Preceding this service Mr. Joseph L. Gibson will be ordained to the eldership of the Church. A full attendance of members and all others interested is earnestly desired.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. B. FOARD.

Wheat—No. 1	$ .85	Corn—	
No. 2		Yellow, shelled	76
Timothy Seed	$3.25	" cob	75
Clover Seed	.22	Oats	70

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLER.

Eggs, per doz	16@18
Country Butter, per lb	21@26
Creamery Butter, per lb	31
Lard, per lb	10@12½
Live Chickens, per lb	12@16
Potatoes	40

Fair Association Organizes

The New Castle County Agricultural Fair Association met for organization and the election of directors Tuesday afternoon, in the banking house of the Security Trust and Safe Deposit Co. They also adopted by-laws.

As each of the directors elected Tuesday must be formally notified and his consent to serve procured, it was impossible to obtain a list of those elected. This, however, will be made public as soon as all the replies are received.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS OF St. Georges Hundred!

The taxable residents of St. Georges Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be at the office of

JOSEPH H. ENOS, IN ODESSA,
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22d, 1908
From 9.00 A. M. to 12.00 M.
AT HENRY CLEAVER'S STORE, IN PORT PENN,
WEDNESDAY, JULY 22d, 1908
From 1 P. M. to 4 P. M.

and at the County Tax Collector's Office, South Broad street, Middletown, Del., every Saturday during the month of June from 9 A. M., to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY, SECTION 3, CHAPTER 30, VOLUME 21, LAWS OF DELAWARE, AS AMENDED:

Section 3—That on all taxes paid before the first day of October there shall be an abatement of five per centum. On all taxes paid before the first day of December there shall be an abatement of three per centum. On all taxes paid during the month of December there shall be no abatement whatever. And on all taxes unpaid on the first day of January five per centum thereof shall be added thereto.

WALTER BEASTEN,
Collector of Taxes for St. Georges Hundred.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— APPOQUINIMINK HUNDRED !

The taxable residents of Appoquinimink Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT THE OFFICE OF GEORGE M. D. HART,
IN TOWNSEND, DEL.,
SATURDAYS,
JULY 4, 11, 18 and 25, 1908.
From 1 to 5 o'clock, P. M.

EXTRACT FROM THE LAWS OF DELAWARE, GOVERNING THE COLLECTION OF TAXES OF NEW CASTLE COUNTY:

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

An abatement of 5 per centum will be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of August.

WILLIAM C. MONEY,
Collector of Taxes for Appoquinimink Hundred

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS —OF— Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1908 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be

AT BLACKBIRD, WATSON'S STORE
JULY 25th, 1908,
From 2 to 4 P. M.

AT FLEMING'S LANDING,
JULY 20th, 1908,
From 2 to 4 P. M.

AT DELANEY'S,
(DAVIS' STORE)
JULY 24th, 1908,
From 2 to 4 P. M.

Tax bills can be obtained by making personal application to the Collector, or by sending written communication enclosing stamps.

JOHN BEITH,
Collector of Taxes for Blackbird Hundred

NOTICE--DIVIDEND!

CITIZEN'S NATIONAL BANK,
Middletown, Delaware, July 7th, 1908.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT, clear of Taxes, payable to the Stockholders on and after July 15th, 1908.

JNO. S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NATIONAL BANK,
ODESSA, DEL., July 1st, 1908.

The Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE PER CENT. clear of tax, payable on and after the 8th inst.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

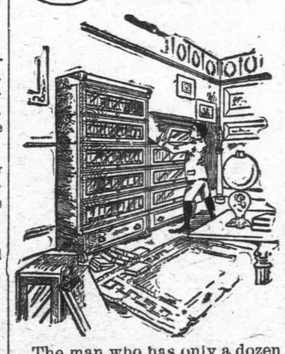
NOTICE—DIVIDEND!

THE PEOPLES' NATIONAL BANK
OF MIDDLETOWN,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL., June 27th, 1908.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Wednesday, July 1st, 1908.

G. D. KELLEY, Cashier.

"Y and E" SECTIONAL Bookcases



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" " "	8.00,	4.00
" " "	5.00,	2.50
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The Robelen Piano Co., of Wilmington offer for sale in this section as special bargains:

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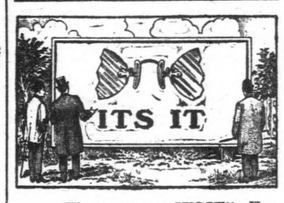

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REPENTANCE

BY KARL BAERMANM

Tommy sat alone in a darkened room of the deserted home, waiting. Oddly enough, for he was only a little child, he did not cry. He simply sat there quite still, with his face in his hands, battling with his grief dumbly. It was infinitely pathetic, this silent woe—a lad deserted by everything, even tears.

He had lived alone in the darkened house for more than two weeks now. At first, after his father had been taken away, he had had some company. Then one by one the servants had found new situations and had departed, leaving him solitary and alone. He had stayed so until the day before, when a man had come and informed him that he could no longer remain in the house—it belonged to some one else now—and that he must go to an orphan asylum. He was waiting now for the man to come and take him there.

Tommy's mother had died when he was much younger. She was only a shadow in his memory—a pale, frail shadow with large dark eyes, and a smile that was wonderfully sad and gentle. Her death had brought him much more closely to his father than children usually are. Their love for each other was very strong and very wonderful. It was everything to both of them.

They had never even been separated until the night three weeks ago when the men had come for his father and taken him away. Why they had come or where they had taken him, Tommy did not clearly understand. In his childish mind he vaguely imagined that he had gone to his mother, so little did he understand of death. Often in his conscience he had pictured them meeting there, the sun shining and great trees throwing a cool shade all about. He wished so much that he might be with them. He had asked his father that night to take him, too; but for the first time his father had not heeded him. Why, he did not, could not, understand. But then there was much about that night that was a mystery to him.

Just as always, his father had heard his prayers and tucked him in bed, and he had fallen asleep. Then, after a long time, though it was still dark, he had been awakened by unaccustomed noises in the house. He had paid no heed to them, for his sleep was heavy as is the sleep of childhood; but in a vague way they made him restless. Then suddenly the light in his room was switched on, and when he blinked open his stubborn eyes, his father, fully dressed, stood beside his bed. There were strange men there, too, men with heavy features and coarse faces who kept their hats on. Tommy did not like them.

His father knelt down beside the bed and took Tommy in his arms. Afterward Tommy remembered that his face was very pale, and the gentle voice trembled as he spoke. He said that he was going away for a long time, and that Tommy must be a brave boy and a good boy always. The lad begged that he might be taken too, and clung to his father passionately.

To this his father had made no answer, but had just held him close in his arms for a long time. He held him so until one the men that Tommy did not like stepped forward and touched him on the shoulder. At this he had started and shivered a little—Tommy felt him. Then for one little moment he strained the boy to his breast. After that he gently disengaged himself, though Tommy fought hard to hold him, crying bitterly all the time, and rising, went out of the room without a word. The men switched off the light and followed him. Tommy cried himself to sleep.

Afterward the servants told him that his father would never come back any more, and Tommy's childish mind conceived the idea that he was dead like his mother. He wished he was with them. Oh, how he wished it, as he sat there waiting for the man who was to take him to the orphan asylum! Then suddenly a shadow fell across him.

Slowly he raised his tired little face, and then gave a glad cry of surprise: for lo! his father stood before him. He stood there just as he used to stand when he was hearing Tommy's lessons, and yet not quite the same. About his face there was a subtle change. It had grown much older, somehow, and grimmer, and he was very white and worn; but the lovelight in the eyes was the same—so eloquent, so tender.

Tommy noticed all these things in the instant that he sat wondering and looking. Then he flung himself into the loving arms, and at last the tears that had denied him burst their gates, and he cried his little heart out against his father's breast.

Presently he raised his face and looked in his father's eyes. They told me you would never come back, he sobbed.

They thought that I never would, his father replied gently, but they did not know. They did not understand that love, true love, is the strongest thing in all the world; stronger than bolts or bars or life or death or shame and disgrace. And oh! my boy, he went on, his voice trembling strangely, I love you very dearly. I have wronged you Tommy, very deeply I have wronged you. Just how you are too young to understand now, but when you are older you will remember what I say and think what my repentance must be when I know that the thing I love must suffer for my sin. Only those we love can wrong us past all help; but oh! believe that from their shame may spring the noblest and the purest love in all the world.

Tommy could not understand all this. Indeed, the only thing he gathered was that his father still loved him, more perhaps than ever, and it made him very happy. So he clung to him the more closely and began to weep afresh. The father let him cry for a time, and then stooped over him.

There, there! he said with something of his old soothing manner—there, there! You must brace up now, Tommy, for I've come to take you away.

Oh! are we going to mama? cried Tommy, brightening.

A shade crossed the man's face No, he said, not yet—not quite. But we are going far away, just you and I, and we are going to be together for a time; until I I know that you are cared for. They could not hold me unless I knew that.

You'll never leave me again, said Tommy promptly, taking the man's hand; but he did not see the look of pain that shot momentarily across his face.

Then the man told the boy that they would steal away quietly, so that none might know the way they had gone or could follow them and interrupt them. They were going to be entirely alone. The boy clapped his hands as he heard the plan. They made him very happy.

At last they started. They left the house by an unfrequented way, and, dodging through alleys and vacant spaces, gained the open country. Once there, they did not follow the main traveled roads, as Tommy would have done but climbed fences and walked through fields and over steep hills or through thickets. When night fell the city lay far behind them, and they were in a grove through which there flowed a stream of clear, cool water. Then the father made a fire and cooked some bacon and coffee. When they had eaten they went to sleep upon the bare ground, clasped in each other's arms.

For many days they lived like this—Gipsy life, tramping over the country, avoiding houses and settlements, and resting beneath the open sky. The boy thrived in the new life. The natural savage and nomad within sprang to meet the call. Those roving days were his happiest. With the man it was different. Older and more settled, the exposure told upon him. Each day he grew more weary and more wan, until at last, after a harder tramp than usual, he lay down upon the grass and said, I can go no farther.

In the distance there was a farm house. The boy pointed it out to his father. You can rest there, father, he said.

The father assented with an oddly submissive gesture, an action that seemed to indicate the powerlessness of man against fate, and they approached the farm. The farmer and his wife, good simple people who were bent and aged by a life of unremitting toil, welcomed them and made them comfortable.

Here they stayed for many days. The boy played among the trees, while the man rested and tried to regain his strength. But it seemed as though it could never be. The lassitude which had fastened itself upon him would not be shaken, and as he realized it he grew more wan and pale. One day he took the boy in his arms.

I promised to stay with you, Tommy, he said, until your future was secure; but oh! I am so afraid, so afraid!

The farmer and his wife were very poor. Their farm was under a heavy mortgage, and the sterile soil refused to yield enough to pay the interest. Their failure to do so meant that it would be taken from them; and, barren and bleak as it was, it was their home.

The man, as he lay upon his bed of pain, used to hear them talking of it. He used to hear them join their prayers to the all merciful God to spare it to them. He envied them that they could pray.

One day he heard them while he was idly reading a newspaper which the farmer had bought. Suddenly his eye fell upon a paragraph that made his whole frame tense and his breath come quickly It related the full incidents of the escape from prison of a bank cashier who had been convicted of embezzlement, and stated that a reward of five thousand dollars would be paid for information leading to his capture. The man lay gazing at it for a long time. He lay there and heard the farmer and his wife pray, and then he heard Tommy enter the room and tell them that he loved them better than anybody in the world but his father.

The farmer said, If we had had a son like this (they were childless), it might have been different, Ethel.

And as those sad words drifted to his ears, his jaws set and in his eyes there came a great resolution. Presently, when the wife and the boy had gone beyond hearing, he called the farmer to his side.

Listen, he said; the mortgage on your farm falls due next week, and you have no way to meet it. That is true?

The farmer bowed his head.

If you do not secure the money, you and your wife must leave here and wander forth with no covering to hide you from the bitter winter that is coming on so fast.

Again the farmer bowed his head; but the man could see that his face had grown gray with the anguish of it.

Listen still more, he continued solemnly. If I should show you how you could obtain this money honorably—not enough to pay the interest only, but the principal as well—if I should show you the way, would you swear by the God who is above you to do what I ask?

I would be grateful all my life, said the farmer brokenly. If you know a way, for God's sake tell me, tell me at once!

Wait, said the man, raising his hand—wait! It is my boy of whom I am thinking. If I tell you how to secure this money, promise me that you will watch over him all the days of your life; promise me that you will cherish him and love him; that you will teach him to walk in paths of honor and righteousness; that you will show him that only the hard way of duty leads to happiness; that you will bring him at last to man's estate as a man should come, strong and brave and gentle.

The farmer raised his hand. All these things I promise, so help me God! he said.

For a long time the man gazed at him. At last he spoke. I am a fugitive from justice, he said, a criminal. There is a price upon my head.

The farmer gazed at him in wide-eyed amazement and started to speak, but the man raised his hand authoritatively.

No! he commanded. Hear me to the end. I said there was a price upon my head. It is five thousand dollars. Oh, I am not lying; you will find it in the paper there. Go to the nearest town, tell them I am here, and claim the reward; it is more than you need. And then afterward, he paused for a brief moment, look after the boy.

The farmer rose and strode up and down the room. Don't ask me! he exclaimed. I couldn't! It's blood money!

The man looked at him curiously. Think! he exclaimed. Sooner or later they will take me. I cannot escape them always, and then the boy will be uncared for. Now I know he will be safe, and I can gladly do what I must do. Oh, man, man! he cried passionately, I have counted the cost; I must stand my punishment. But as you love the God to whom you pray, do not make my load heavier to bear!

All that evening the farmer and the man talked in whispers. The following morning they had another talk, and then the farmer hitched his horse and drove away toward the village.

After he had gone the man seemed happier and stronger than he had been in many days. He managed to go for a ramble with the boy, and he talked to him of many things; of the high ambitions of his boyhood, of the happy days of his married life, of the boy's mother. All his life the boy remembered that talk and cherished as his most blessed memory. Then they returned to the house and went to their room. There the man made the boy go down upon his knees and pray for himself and his father. When he was done, his father took him in his arms and made him promise that never, no matter what temptations came, would he forget his honor. He was still holding the boy when there came a knock upon the door. The man opened it, and, seeing the farmer there, stepped quickly into the hall and closed the door behind him.

Well, he asked breathlessly, did you succeed?

The farmer nodded. The men are waiting for you down stairs now, he answered.

The man gasped, and for a weak moment leaned against the wall.

The farmer motioned toward the room. Don't you wish to say good-by? he said.

No, the man answered; I can't bear any more!

Then he gathered himself together and started to descend. Once he paused. You will keep your promise? he asked, looking fixedly at the farmer's face.

The latter returned the gaze solemnly. I will, so help me God! he replied.

That was all. Without another word, the man walked through the door and climbed into the wagon in which some strange men were waiting. At once they drove him away, and sadly the farmer turned and started up the stairs to the little boy, who sat waiting for his father to return.

You may know that the man's sacrifice was not in vain, for there came a time when Tommy was elected Governor of his State and honored by all who knew him. It was Tommy himself who told me his father's story. He had died in prison; but Tommy had had the body removed to a quiet country churchyard, and placed over it a stone with the man's name, under which were these words, There is a repentance more noble than innocence itself.

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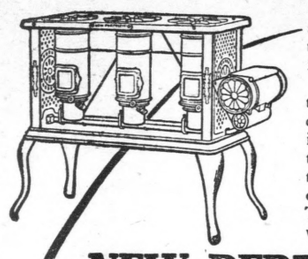

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